OPINION 2073 (Case 3206)

Halcampella Andres, 1883 (Cnidaria, Anthozoa, Actiniaria): H. maxima Hertwig, 1888 designated as the type species

Abstract. The Commission has designated *Halcampella maxima* Hertwig, 1888 as the type species of the soft-bottom dwelling genus of sea anemone *Halcampella* Andres, 1883 (family HALCAMPOIDIDAE). The nominal species *Halcampa endromitata* Andres, 1881, type species by monotypy, is set aside as a nomen dubium.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Cnidaria; Anthozoa; Actiniaria; HALCAMPOIDIDAE; *Halcampella*; *Halcampella endromitata*; *Halcampella maxima*; sea anemones.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Halcampella* Andres, 1883 are hereby set aside and *Halcampella maxima* Hertwig, 1888 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Halcampella* Andres, 1883 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1) above *Halcampella maxima* Hertwig, 1888, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *maxima* Hertwig, 1888, as published in the binomen *Halcampella maxima* (specific name of the type species of *Halcampella* Andres, 1883), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3206

An application to designate *Halcampella maxima* Hertwig, 1888 as the type species of the sea anemone genus *Halcampella* Andres, 1883 (family HALCAMPOIDIDAE) was received from E. Rodríguez and P.J. López-González (*Universidad de Sevilla, Reina Mercedes, Sevilla, Spain*) on 30 May 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 170–172 (September 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 171. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2004 the votes were as follows: 22 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner voted AGAINST, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence.

Voting against, Štys commented that no effort to locate the pertinent material or information about its possible fate was given in the application.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Halcampella Andres, 1883, Atti della Reale Accademia de Lincei, Memorie, (3)14: 315. maxima, Halcampella, Hertwig, 1888, Report on the Scientific Results of the Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger during the years 1873–76, Zoology, 26: 29.